

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Ventura

From: (Public Agency): SWRCB
Division of Water Rights
PO Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

(Address)

Project Title: Petition to Change Water Right License 9473 (Application 17929)

Project Applicant: USDA Los Padres National Forest

Project Location - Specific:

Approximately 1 mile east of Wheeler Springs

Project Location - City: Wheeler Springs Project Location - County: Ventura

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Forest Service has submitted a petition to change Water Right License 9473 Application 17929) to dedicate water to instream use to enhance the flow from Bellyache Spring to NF Matilija Creek in Ventura County.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: USDA Los Padres National Forest

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sec 15308, Protection of the Environment
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project dedicates all of the licensed water to instream flow for fish and wildlife preservation and enhancement. No construction or building; and no grading or excavation will occur for this project.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Michael Meza Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-341-5427

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Scott McFarland Date: August 25, 2022 Title: Sr WRC Engineer

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____